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FOR FREE SILVER AND HIS
REASONS WHY.
[Concluded.]

You may ask by what rule the needed amount of primary money is estimated. The answer is, when prices cease to decline and property becomes as valuable as money. By that I mean when investments cease to be perpetual losses and when production commands a fair remuneration to the producer.

You can see the present need can be supplied by again fully re-issuing silver; by making the silver dollar again a unit of values, and opening for silver an unlimited demand.

I think I hear you saying, "But shall be flooded with silver" Do not permit that Bogie to distress you. Silver mining has been pursued for 4,000 years that we know of. It is a most fascinating business. If we had dumped upon our shores all that has been saved during all those years, it would give the American people only \$50 per capita. Could you not handle your \$50? Could you not get it? One-third of the money in Europe, in daily use as money at 15½ to 1. One-third or more is buried in Asia, and from there silver never returns.

There are still other features. Have you noticed that your rural population is standing still, while the cities are growing too fast? It means that the brightest boys and girls are leaving the fair farms

of Ohio and going to the cities—many of them to live by their wits. Go to the records of your state and you will see that the ratio of your criminals, lunatics, paupers, and divorces has increased during the past fifteen years, even as prices have declined. Poverty is the great nursing mother of crime, especially undeserved poverty.

You may be sure that Senator Teller told the truth in St. Louis when he said: "This is a question of civilization."

Rome conquered the world, but when her mines in Spain and Asia Minor gave out, she went swiftly to decay. The manhood of her men, the womanhood of her women disappeared, and the night of the Dark Ages closed down upon Europe.

In a business sense it seems to me that the press and the men of New York, the directors of public opinion there, are blind as moles.

With the rupee of India, reduced one-half in value, but still the standard, we can sell in Europe only such cotton and food products as India cannot supply. Our best trade for the future must be with the Spanish-America, the Orient, and with Siberia, when the new road shall be finished. All those are silver countries. We should have a common coinage with them all, and with that established, it would not be fifteen years until the world's commercial center would oscillate to New York city. But all the power of that city seems to be swelling the cry that we must accept from England the dictation of how our finances shall be directed, which, by the way, is precisely the plan which impoverished the English masses for thirty-five years after 1816 (see Carey's Social Science, page 323), and which now compels us to sell our textiles and food products to her at half price.

I favor silver restoration because:

1. While my gold has double purchasing power, outside of mining I cannot invest it anywhere except upon a falling market.

2. Under present conditions production gives no reward to producers.
3. With no profit of production, producers can give no wages to labor, and the country is filling up dangerously fast with idle men.

4. Because with every man driven to enforced idleness, protection to capital grows less.

5. Enforced idleness breeds hatred of the suffering masses against the few who have means.

6. Because the working men of America are brought into unjust competition with the laborers of silver countries.

7. Because the whole continent south of us needs vitalizing with American brains, muscle, and such vast amounts of money that no mines can supply it rapidly enough.
8. Because through the growing poverty of the humbler producers, like the farmers, the morals of the

country are becoming tainted, and crimes are increasing alarmingly.

Because I believe the Almighty made no mistake when he placed silver in the hills.

Because I love my country, and believe I would do better myself if my fellow men could be made prosperous, which they are not now. I have the honor to be, respectfully yours,
C. D. LANE.
GEL'S CAMP, CAL., Aug. 24, 1896.

Worth Reading.

Thirty years ago Abraham Lincoln, the founder of the Republican party, could foresee its drift and the natural tendency of its policies. He said:

"We may all congratulate ourselves that the cruel war is nearing its close."

"It has indeed been a trying hour for the Republic."

"But I see in the near future a crisis arising that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country."

"As a result of the war, corruption has been cultivated and an era of corruption in high places will follow."

"The Money Power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic destroyed."

"I feel at this moment more anxiety for the safety of my country than ever before, even in the midst of war."

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FIFTY GOOD REASONS WHY

The American People should Favor the Free Coinage of Silver.

The Busy Man Can See Why It Should Benefit Him and the Whole Country to Return to the Money of the Constitution.

Mr. Eugene V. Brewster, in a recent communication addressed to the Brooklyn Citizen, cites the following reasons in favor of free coinage.

1. Because all of the national parties have declared in favor of bimetallicism, and not one favors the gold standard, which we have today.
2. Because no voters ever yet voted for the gold standard, and only those who benefit by the ap-

preciation of the gold dollar favor it.

3. Because gold standard money is dishonest and makes the debtor pay back a dollar larger than the one he borrowed.

4. Because the gold dollar is appreciating in value more and more, making debts harder and harder to pay.

5. Because the only objection yet heard against bimetallicism is, we are not big and strong enough to have it without foreign aid. Can we not legislate for ourselves?

6. Because we can introduce bimetallicism without foreign help, for we would have with us 27 silver and bimetallic countries, with a population of 995,000,000.

7. Because we would have against us only 11 gold countries, population 196,000,000 and about all of those except England would be glad to follow our example.

8. Because the average ratio in the silver and bimetallic countries—viz, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Salvador, Colombia, China, Ecuador, India, Mexico, Peru, Russia, Tripoli, Argentina, Belgium, Chile, Cuba, France, Greece, Haiti, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, and Venezuela—is 15½ to 1.

9. Because the very highest ratio of any country in the world is Mexico, 16½ to 1.

10. Because if Mexico is a fair sample of a silver country, Turkey is a fair sample of a gold country.

11. Because, if everybody admits that bimetallicism is right, and the only objection is that we cannot go it alone, that objection is overruled by the figures given above.

12. Because there is no accumulation of silver anywhere in the world that could flood us. And even if there were, it would only give a greater impetus to our commerce, for every dollar's worth of silver brought here would represent a dollar spent here among us. Our silver dollars would not be taken abroad again, but left here among us, thus giving us more money and greater business.

13. Because even if there were a flood of silver in Germany, Japan or anywhere a little diplomacy would prevent its coming here. In the international conference at Brussels all the great nations except England were so anxious to have bimetallicism that they offered not to unload their silver on any other nation that introduced it.

14. Because free coinage at 16 to 1 would create an unlimited demand for silver and fix that price all over the world.

15. Because, if we said we would take all the silver that comes at 16 to 1, no one would sell their silver for less than that price, and then 16 ounces of silver would be worth 1 ounce of gold the world over.

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